

## Andrew Jackson to Francis Preston Blair, August 11, 1843, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

class=MsoNormal>TO FRANCIS P. BLAIR.

Hermitage, August 11, 1843.

Private.

My dear Mr. Blair, Your much esteemed favor of the 30th July is recd. I am happy to be informed that Mr. Ingersol has accomplished his 0250 226 views on martial law, the conduct, the tyranny of Judge Hall, his corruption in altering the record, and imposing the fine upon me. I have no doubt of his talent displayed in the investigation of this subject, and I will await the perusal of it, with anticipated pleasure. This work throws upon the Globe a most onerous, and expensive labour—for your expence, labour and continued friendship, I am sure I will not be able to repay, except in gratitude. If providence will only spare my life until congress acts upon it, I will be thankfull but as to this the Lord only knoweth.

As to the coalition formed against you, I saw it gathering some time gone by. But you have nothing to fear from the result, altho' we ar[e] beaten in Tennessee, we have a majority, in congress, 6 democrats, good and true, to the Whiggs 5. These will support you thro good and evil report and so will all the true democratical republicans in the whole union regardless of all the slang of any clike of apostates that can continue against you. The madisonian is doing great injury to Mr. Tyler by holding him up as a democratic candidate for the Presidency, subject to the decision of the national democratic convention. The madisonian must know that the national convention will not, cannot, with

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propriety take him up, and the only real friends of Mr. Tyler, can only hope to carry him thro his four years well, that he may retire from his 4 years term in credit, but I named to you before the real views of the Madisonian, Spectator and others of the same class, was to write down Mr. VanBuren, destroy the Globe and finally make capital for Mr. Calhoun—in this the combination will be disappointed—it will strengthen Mr. VanBuren, support the Globe in the even tenor of its ways, and instead of lessening its influence with the true democrats will extend and strengthen it, and these papers, by their abuse of you, will destroy themselves, injure those they profess to support, and are injuring Mr. Tyler by holding him up as a candidate for reelection when they know he does not intend it, and thus the hidden, and illicit views, by abusing Mr. V.B. is clearly seen by the people, and will be rebuked—mark this, see the movements in ohio etc. etc. and in this state the democrats will rally around V.B. for altho the democracy have been beaten there are thousand of the whiggs who declare they will not support Clay, and the Whiggs here continue to abuse and vilify Tyler.

Col. Johnson has destroyed himself by his electioneering tour. The excitement in his favour, created thereby, is dying away fast, and he will stand no chance for the nomination, and Mr. Calhouns nulification in the north and west, will injure him, and V.B. will be taken up, as the only one by whom the corruption and frauds, by which he lost his election in 1840, can be fully rebuked. This is the language of the travellers from all sections, who call to see me.

How gratefull I feel, to Mrs. Blair and the little Jervis, and all your dear family, for the care and expence encountered for my comfort and health. The present on its way is another proof added to others which I have received heretofore of this kind and benevolent care they have for 0251 227 me. This is superabundance, for say to my dear friend Mrs. Blair, stockings, shirt, and Jacot, she furnished me with before I left Washington is still good, and will last me another winter, which I anticipate, will be all, if spared so long, that I will need

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in this world—be pleased to present my thanks and gratitude to all, for their kindness to me—it is only in gratitude I can repay their kindness and bounty. 1

1 Writing to Blair, on Aug. 18, Jackson said: “By the hand of Mr. Biers I have received the inestimable present from the ladies of your Houshold and the amiable little Jervis, of the splendid rapper, of elegant and costly finish, together with your grateful present of a white beaver Hat of the highest finish, and best manufacture, which does great credit to the artists—will you be pleased to present my thanks and grateful acknowledgments to Mrs. Blair and the other ladies for this great evidence of their friendship, and care for my health and comfort; and to you my dear sir, I tender my thanks for this elegant gift. I shall preserve them as a memento of theirs and your friendship. Please say to messhrs. Fisk and Co, the manufacturers of the Hat, that it gives evidence of their superior skill in their branch of macanism, that I am too feeble to reply to their polite note accompanying the Hat.”

My health is very feeble, Mrs. Jackson has been much afflicted, as the little General has also, Sarah is fast recovering—we all Join in kind salutations to you and all yr family in which we still include Elisabeth and husband, and to the good little Jervis. yr friend